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WHY NOT BE FAIR.

Why will newspapers continue to be so bitterly partisan as to refuse to give credit to whom credit is due. That we had an exceptional good administration during the past year all must admit. But neither the Republican party nor the Democratic party is responsible for it. It is to the men who are in charge at Jefferson City that the credit is due. The Jefferson City Review says:

"Those Republicans who voted for John E. Swanger for secretary of state have nothing to regret, and those who voted for Hadley, Wilder, Gmelin and Wightman are not at all sorry. Each is doing his duty quietly and reverently, and the people's interests are being fully subordinated."

Not a word does the Review say about Gov. Folk. All the credit according to this partisan journal is due to Republicans, and the Republicans who voted for Mr. Swanger and the others "have nothing to regret."

How about the Democrats who voted for them? There were no less than fifty thousand of us! Have we no right to rejoice that we made no mistake? And on the other side comes the Howell County Gazette with this:

"The state Democracy knows it is in the right when it stands on a platform endorsing the unexcelled record of the state administration of the past year."

What? Do the Democrats expect to endorse only the record of the party during the "past year" and keep mum about the past thirty years? And this, too, in spite of the fact that Gov. Folk is the only Democrat who is connected with the administration of affairs—the rest all being Republicans. Seems like a mighty thin straw to hang to.

But it is the purpose of partisan newspapers to deceive and mislead the public. We are having good government in Missouri and for this the people are to blame. They threw off the party yoke two years ago and elected good men.

Keep it up. It pays.

The "best citizens" everywhere seem to be having a time of it. In Chicago twenty-five indictments have been returned against John A. Linn, clerk of the circuit court, and for eight years clerk of the superior court. The charges against Linn are embezzlement, larceny and forgery. A short time after the return of the indictments Linn, in company with his attorney, called at the office of State's Attorney Healy and gave bonds for \$25,000. In addition to the charges of financial irregularity, Linn is accused in one indictment of conspiring to keep from the grand jury a witness whose evidence was important in his case; he is also charged with the retention of the records of his office, and refusal to turn them over to his successor.

A. H. Holden, a Nebraska farmer, attempted suicide in St. Louis last week. Holden noticed a catchy advertisement in a St. Louis paper urging men to learn the plumbers trade and get \$5 a day. With his family he went to St. Louis and "bit." After several weeks he found himself with but \$2 and the rent was due. He and his family were thrown on the street. Unable to get other quarters he became despondent and shot himself. This family has no home. The Chateaus have a home in St. Louis covering several blocks. Holden tried to earn a living for his family "in the sweat of his face." Mr. Chauveau had more sense than to try. He bought the people's land from county courts.

"Judge orders jury to acquit" are the usual head-lines of the big papers when a scoundrel gets cornered where there is no other way out. Two years ago there was much noise about government officials conspiring to defraud the government in the purchase of sites for post offices. The trick was done on the same plan as the ballot job—unreasonable prices paid to favored ones. Chas. E. Blanton, a government official, was indicted jointly with Dr. J. B. Vernon, a relative, for fraud in the purchase of a site at Nevada, Mo. The trial came up in the Federal court last week. Judge Reed ordered the jury to acquit.

FROM OWENSBY DISTRICT.

We've got the mumps down here. Among the afflicted are Bud Pate, Mrs. Delia Hallows, Albert Rogers, Henry Pate and the Misses Gladys and Mary Finley. Mrs. Katie Vandyno is slowly improving.

About two hundred attended church at Unity Sunday night.

T. E. Chawing has gone to Texas with his brother, Jack, in search of health.

James Vandyke and Newt Anderson are on the puny list.

John Reese is improving.

We will have recitations and singing at our school Friday.

CONGRESSIONAL PRIMARY.

The Congressional Committee for this district met at Poplar Bluff last week and decided to hold primaries in every county in the district on May 26 to select the Democratic nominee for Congress. Since the committee was selected by Joe Russell two years ago it is only fair to assume that the committee did what Mr. Russell wanted done. B. F. Marshall is the committeeman from this county.

Ralph Wommack, of Stoddard county, who had entered the race, has withdrawn. He says he cannot afford the expense. This leaves the field to Mr. Russell, of Mississippi county and Mr. Burroughs, of Howell county.

Now, think a bit, Mr. Hayseed. There are sixteen counties in the district. At a low estimate it will cost \$150 per county—or a total of \$2,400 just for the primary. This must be paid by the men who want to serve you. Are they not awfully anxious?

But that isn't all. In every county they must announce in the newspapers. The shoe-string editors generally pull a congressional candidate's leg for about \$20. Hence the announcement fee for each candidate will exceed one thousand dollars. Then comes the heeler and the saloons that must have theirs—to say nothing of the personal expense of the candidate. Figure it all up and see what show you or any other man of moderate means would have in playing the game!

Is this as it should be? Do you believe men will spend their good money in this way to get to be your servant—or your master? Personally I like Joe Russell. Politically I have no use for him. He does not stand for anything that I want. In fact, he stands for everything I don't want.

About the other man I know nothing, but presume he is a sardine out of the same box. The office of congressman is a national one, and the man who accepts the Democratic nomination must be able to stand and defend the national gold-bug platform on which Judge Parker was nominated in St. Louis two years ago.

There is no getting away from that. There has been no declaration of principles since then, nationally, and there will be none until 1908.

But it will not embarrass Mr. Russell to stand on the Parker platform. In fact, I believe he will feel much more at home than when he was stumbling around on the Bryan silver platform. But how is he going to explain his flexible principles if any one should become inquisitive and ask how he can wobble from Clevelandism to Bryanism and then back to Parkerism?

There is a much wider gap between Bryanism and Parkerism than there is between Parkerism and Rooseveltism. But Mr. Russell is a Democrat—and there is much in a name—sometimes.

ARE WE IN MISSOURI.

What seems to be the law in Cape Scott County, Or, maybe, we are short on a prosecuting attorney down here. Down here saloon-keepers swap about and run on one another's license at will. Newt Upton went to the Cape with Scott county "law" in his head, bought a saloon and sold it and undertook to let another man run on his license. Here is the result, as told by the Cape Girardeau Republican:

"In the circuit court at Jackson yesterday Prosecuting Attorney Dause had the case of the State vs. Ed. McLain called. After describing to the court the method used by some saloon keepers in Cape Girardeau to evade the laws, Judge Shepard assessed a fine and costs against McLain that amounted to \$98.50."

"At the regular term of the circuit court a few weeks ago Newt Upton was indicted and given a jury trial for violating the dramshop law by keeping open on Sunday. Upton swore he was not guilty for the reason that he had sold the saloon to Stafford & McLain, and had nothing to do with it at the time the offense was committed. It was shown that a saloon license could not be transferred, and therefore Upton was assessed \$131 by the jury. When this case was disposed of, Mr. Dause at once had Stafford & McLain indicted for selling liquor without a license. Mr. Stafford is not in the county at present, so his case was not called."

At the conclusion of the McLain case yesterday Mr. Dause stated that he would make it hot in the future for the fellows who conduct saloons on license secured by other parties."

In some of the counties in Arkansas the lawyers refuse to defend violators of the liquor law. If a little of that Arkansas respect for the law and the public was injected into Missouri lawyers perhaps the court dockets would not show "\$50 and forfeiture of license waived." But the average lawyer will do almost anything if he gets the "fee."



By Courtesy of Star-Chronicle.

CLOVEN HOOF REVEALED.

At last the cloven hoof behind the "magazine supplement" has been revealed. When these supplements first appeared the Kicker told its readers that it was a graft scheme planned by a bunch of promoters who wanted to mould public opinion favorable to their purpose. The grafters of the nation realize that the people are beginning to understand the metropolitan papers and now seek to do their work through the country press. As a starter they furnished free to country publishers a neatly printed and illustrated supplement to be folded with the regular publication. The average reader would suppose that the supplement was printed at the office of his home paper, and what it said was the opinion of the editor.

The Irrigation Age is a publication in the interest of irrigation and drainage and is published at Chicago. The Age has investigated the matter and says the magazine supplement is the product of a gang of land pirates who want the homestead laws repealed so they can gobble up what land there is left in the West. Says the Age:

"We are now convinced, after careful investigation, that the main purpose of this supplement is to boost governmental appropriations for irrigation purposes, which will naturally result in millions of dollars benefit to the ones on the inside who have or will secure land under proposed irrigation projects. The active head of this organization is known as the representative of large corporate interests who are working for the repeal of certain land laws, which, if carried into effect, will make at least one hundred and twenty millions of dollars for the parties interested, so it may readily be seen

that they can well afford to invest something like two or three hundred thousand dollars to educate the public to their way of thinking. There are also connected with this individual many public officials who have considerable pull. Country publishers throughout the West should be very cautious in accepting something which is offered to them for nothing."

Of course there are connected with the scheme many "public officials" who have considerable pull. How else could the thieves rob the people if they did not "fix it" with the officials? The Boston Commercial has also discovered something, and says:

"The darkey in the woodpile is now making his appearance in the matter inserted in these supplements. It turns out that irrigation of some arid lands in the far West, for the benefit of a few individuals, the cost of irrigating, which is to be paid for by the United States Government, is the object of the supplements. Publishers to whom they are given are expected to issue them with their regular publications in order that public sentiment may be worked up in favor of obtaining from the government expenditures of millions upon millions of dollars so that these almost worthless lands may be increased in value and sold at enormous profit for those interested."

And so it goes—and has gone for ages. The crowd that "develops the country" first secure title to the land by means foul or fair—usually foul. Then the "developing" is done at the expense and by the labor of others.

An exchange says that the farmers in North Missouri are successfully using ordinary soft coal to keep their hogs healthy. They put the coal in the hog pens and the hogs eat it. One farmer says he has never yet lost a hog from cholera. It does not cost very much to try it.

GOVERNED BY COURTS.

Well, Mr. Voter straight, how do you like the game law? Perhaps you will like it when you find out what's what? Go to your representative who helped make the law, ask him if you need license to hunt in your county, and he will answer, "I don't know." Ask your prosecuting attorney, whose duty it is to enforce the law, and you get the same answer. Ask the county clerk who issues the license and you hear the same story.

And I am glad that it is so. This little game law brings it right down home to you. The game law is just as plain as the average law on your statutes, but you don't butt into the other laws so extensively and therefore know less about them.

There is no country where the people know as little about the laws that govern them as in this country. No one—not even the lawyer—knows what is the law until all the courts have passed upon it. A lobby hangs around the state capitol for the purpose of having passed meaningless laws so that the courts of the privileged class can put any construction upon them that the occasion may demand.

We call this a "government of the people." It is a joke. The people have nothing to do with it. We are governed by courts created by the special privileged class. State legislatures and congress meet only to keep up appearances.

Since it is so well known that congress is the assembly room of the boodle bunch, aspirants will have to dig up some other excuse for wanting to go besides "for the honor."

POT BEGINNING TO SIMMER.

The political pot in Missouri is beginning to strike a mild boil. At present there isn't much doing on the surface, but the ground-wires are being laid with no little difficulty. There are honest men in the Democratic party and there are also corrupt men. In both parties the honest men are by far the most numerous, but the dishonest have laid their unlimited money and are therefore powerful.

The Democratic kitchen has not been cleaned out. The rubbish was only swept aside and piled up two years ago. It is showing signs of marked activity and will be a force to reckon with. There is internal strife in the camps of both parties. It is not likely that Gov. Folk, with his "bid" and Treasurer of the State Democratic Committee Lemp, with his brewery will get along very harmoniously.

On the Republican side we find Thos. K. Niedringhaus with Brokers Busch and Stifel in charge of the war fund. That Niedringhaus was unpopular with the better element of the Republican party was proven when he was defeated for the United States Senate in his own party two years ago, after receiving the caucus nomination. In a speech at Cameron, Mo., last week Mr. Niedringhaus said he made no promise to the brewers in exchange for the \$12,000 received from them in 1904. This caused a St. Louis Republican to remark:

"I just want to remind Mr. Niedringhaus of a little promise he made at the celebrated wine supper given in the hotel of 1904 by the big brewers to Vice-Pres. Fairbanks and a number of local politicians, including Mr. Niedringhaus, Otto Stifel and others. I am prepared to prove that Mr. Niedringhaus at that dinner promised to use his influence to make Adolphus Busch ambassador to Berlin. That is the most important ambassadorship, with the exception of the ambassador to the court of St. James, within the gift of the president. Mr. Niedringhaus, so we hear, who heard him believed, was making that promise in return for the big campaign contribution of Mr. Busch. If Niedringhaus ever denies this I'll produce the man who heard him make the promise. The fact of the matter is that Mr. Niedringhaus is making his bed with the brewers and he's got to sleep with them."

Good! But wouldn't this "Christian Nation" be a "heaven" with such a representative of the people as Brewster Busch at the second largest embassy in the world?

Tap another keg.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.

A disturbance that concerned many persons occurred at the school Wednesday of last week. Lawrence D. and Wendoline Busch came in somewhat under the influence of liquor or wanted more. Wendoline being a minor drunk was refused him and he became very boisterous, whereupon Mr. Scherer undertook to put him out. Wendoline went at Mr. Scherer with a knife, cut his hat and scratched his face. Mr. Scherer silenced him with a club, when Lawrence interfered and for several days Wendoline was considered in a critical condition from the blow on the head, but is now recovering.

Thursday of last week the neighbors helped Louis Westrich celebrate his birthday. Louis enjoyed the good coffee prepared by Mrs. Westrich and was heard to say, "I got gone. I wish I could have a birthday every three months." How fortunate he was not born on the 29th of February.

Mike Brucker and Miss Emma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Schitter, were married Tuesday. They will start life on the Holerspace where they intend to raise produce and other things.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kilhoffer on the 12th and a son to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bucher on the 14th.

There being no high mass here Sunday, owing to the absence of Father Moening, many of our people attended church at Benton.

Frank Dinsberger and Otto Heissner have a great deal of business over at the county seat Sunday.

Wm. Collie, of Sandwoods, was here Saturday. Also Phillip P. Westrich of Oran.

A. J. Schoen and wife visited their brother-in-law, Solomon Diebold Sunday.

Mrs. Nick Legrand, who died at Farmington, was buried here Saturday.

Leo Grojan, of Delray, and W. V. Miller, of Chaffee, were here Friday. Saturday was Dennis Grasser's birthday and we celebrated.

August Schmitt of Bell City was a visitor here Sunday.

A child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Orth Sunday.

Peter Schoen was at Edna Friday.

EXECUTORS NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that letters testamentary upon the estate of Sarah S. Dodge, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned by the clerk of the probate court of Scott county, Missouri, in vacation, bearing date the 15th day of January, 1906. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within one year from the date of these letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate, and said claims will not be cashed within two years from the date of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred. HENRY C. BONDRE, Executor.

THE SOUTHEAST.

Dexter Messenger, Cashier (Gwin), who stole \$17,000 from the Hayti bank, wants to make a settlement with the bank and come back home. He is in Mexico at present. At a meeting of the bank officials held Wednesday at Hayti, they discussed a letter received from Gwin in which he offered to refund the bank one-third of the money stolen and what property they had seized belonging to him if they would drop the prosecution. The bank refused to entertain the matter, but said they would allow him dollar for dollar for his property if he would make up the difference in cash. Gwin's father was present at the meeting and as soon as the terms had been agreed upon the old gentleman left for Mexico, where his son is at present, to make arrangements for a final settlement of the whole affair.

Benj. H. Marburg, ex-prosecuting attorney for St. Francois county, is responsible for the following statement concerning the dramslops of the county from 1900 to 1905: "For every dollar paid into the treasury of the dramslops (not in number) there were ten dollars paid out in felony criminal costs, in the prosecution of crimes growing directly and proximately out of the liquor business. Including criminal costs, felonies, and misdemeanors, keeping convicted convicts in jail and penitentiary, poor houses, insane hospitals—for every one dollar paid by the dramslop keeper into the treasury, one hundred dollars is paid out for crimes growing directly and proximately out of the liquor business."

Times Headlight: About 7 a. m. Tuesday John Chewing, a Cotton Belt car checker, was found in the yard seated upon a burning post in a semi-conscious condition. He was removed to his room and medical attendance summoned. Examination revealed a large contusion on the back of Mr. Chewing's head, and with coming consciousness a severe headache developed. He is still somewhat dazed and says he has no recollection of how he became injured, not even remembering what he was doing just before the accident happened, if such it was. As Chewing was on duty at the time, the railroad men think he was struck by a car.

The Stone County Trade Association is about to sign a petition to Congress to have the narrow neck in the James and White rivers tunneled and dammed to create electric power to be used in the mines, mills and factories of Missouri. Says Bro. Tromley, don't you get a little off? Want the government to do everything, eh? What is the matter with your private capital? Don't get socialistic. But perhaps you know the established custom—let the government foot the bill and then "legislate" something into private hands.

Ralph Wommack has quit the congressional race cold. He got run over by the machine he helped to elect—the Joe Russell congressional committee. He says he entered the race expecting to be able to pull through on a thousand dollars, but the way they have fixed it he says it would cost him "not less than \$2,000 and as much more as is convenient to have about your clothes, or to borrow from your friends." If Mr. Russell has fixed it so no other man is able to enter the race, probably he will win.

Charleston Enterprise: Rev. H. H. Wallace was at Morley last night to hear the "boy preacher," Leslie Saunders, a youth of 18. Mr. Wallace pronounced him a prodigy. Saunders has been preaching since he was eight years old. His meeting at Morley this week has resulted in twenty conversions. Mr. Wallace is making an effort to have the young man come to Charleston within a short time.

Hello there! A call, headed by the chairman of the Republican county committee of Mississippi county, for the purpose of putting out a "citizens' ticket" in opposition to the Democratic ticket in Charleston, was signed by fifty citizens of that town, a meeting held and an independent ticket launched. Among the signers of the call was one E. Herbert Smith.

Byron Latone, of Effingham, Ill., has bought the Chaffee Review and will publish it at Chaffee.

Puma has had another fire. Four buildings were destroyed.

Business Losses.

I have farms for sale of various sizes in Scott county, near Crowder, Kelso, New Hamburg, Oran, Morley, Benton, Cary, Blodgett, Diehlstadt and Commerce. Also improved and unimproved lands in the state of Arkansas. If you want to sell, list your farm or property with me. I stand a hundred chances to sell to your one. If you want to buy, see 19.

D. H. HANSEN, Benton, Mo.

FOR SALE—700 acres of land on Little River in Drain Ditch No. 1. A 10 room house, 2 room tenant house, born 72x60 and out buildings all in good condition. 200 head of cattle, 50 tons clover hay, Garr-Scott threshing outfit and farm machinery. Best range for stock in Southeast Missouri. Will sell all or part to right man at a bargain. Wm. Ferguson, Vanderhoer, Mo.

FOR SALE OR RENT—Good 7-room dwelling, with cellar, water and out-buildings. Known as the C. J. Rush property. Twenty fruit trees on lot. Good drainage. For particulars apply to J. C. Drury, Kelso, Mo. 15-3

STATION FOR SALE—I have a fine station that I will sell cheap. My reason for selling is that I am getting too old to care for him properly. Louis Hahn, New Hamburg, Mo.

TAKEN UP—A light bay mare, about 15 hands high and about 18 years old came to my place five miles west of Commerce. Owner will please call. Ignatz Burger, Commerce, Mo.

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